

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: May 24, 2018

Item Number: **018**

Office of Real Estate Services

Approve an ordinance authorizing the negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to purchase one property at high risk of erosion, located at 6903 Creighton Lane, Austin, Texas 78723 Lot 4, Block 6, University Hills, section two, phase three, in a total amount not to exceed \$524,626, establishing acquisition and relocation guidelines, and waiving the requirements of City Code Chapter 14-3.

District(s) Affected: District 1

Lead Department	Office of Real Estate Services.
Fiscal Note	Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department. A Fiscal Note is attached.
For More Information	Michelle Adlong, Watershed Protection Department (512) 974-2826; Alex Gale, Office of Real Estate Services, (512) 974-1416; Megan Herron, Office of Real Estate Services (512) 974-5649.

Additional Backup Information:

The Creighton Tributary to Little Walnut Creek is actively eroding near the house located at 6903 Creighton Lane. The purchase of the property will mitigate the erosion hazard to the home and protect the safety of the residents. The property owners will be offered the fair market value for their home, as determined by an independent third-party appraisal and may elect not to participate in the sale of their property.

The erosion site at 6903 Creighton Lane is within the Watershed Protection Department's top 20 priority erosion sites citywide. At the location, a 21 foot tall, steep bank approaches within 18' of the home. Loss of soil and trees along the bank occurred in the Memorial Day 2015 rain event and in the absence of mitigation, the erosion would be expected to continue. While adjustment of the stream channel is also occurring along neighboring properties east of Creighton Lane, 6903 Creighton Lane is the highest priority due to its close proximity to the eroding streambank.

Several engineering alternatives to protect the house were evaluated and the buyout is the recommended alternative. The buyout was determined to be the lowest cost solution and has the added advantages of being an expedient and permanent resolution to the threat to this structure.